APPENDIX III—*contd.*

MESSRS. Y. K. CHENNAVEERAPPA (Devanhalli Municipality) and S. THONTARYA (Devanhalli Taluk).—

Q.—4. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Whether they are aware (i) of the inconvenience caused to the people of Devanhalli Taluk by the transfer of the civil jurisdiction over their taluk from the Chikballapur Munsiff's Court to the Dodballapur Munsiff's Court?

(ii) Of this subject having been discussed in this Assembly on previous occasions?

(iii) Of the petitions presented and representations made on several occasions by the people of this taluk on this subject, to the Judges of the High Court of Mysore?

(iv) Of the fact that on a former occasion, some 18 or 20 years ago, when a similar transfer of the civil jurisdiction of Devanhalli Taluk from Chikballapur to Dodballapur Court was ordered, the inconvenience and the difficulties of the people of Devanhalli Taluk having come to the knowledge of Government, the jurisdiction was re-transferred to the Chikballapur Munsiff's Court?

(*b*) Whether they are also aware that, as there are several inconveniences to the people of Devanhalli Taluk to go to the Munsiff's Court at Dodballapur, the civil jurisdiction of only one of the hoblies of the taluk, *viz.*, Vadigenahalli, had been given to the Chikballapur Munsiff's Court?

(*c*) Whether they are aware of the fact that there is no railway or bus service between Devanhalli and Dodballapur to enable the people of Devanhalli to go to Dodballapur?

(*d*) The number of cases registered in the Chikballapur Munsiff's Court when the jurisdiction of the Devanhalli Taluk had been attached to the said court and the number of cases registered after the jurisdiction of this taluk was transferred to Dodballapur Munsiff's Court?

(*e*) Also the number of petitions received by the Government in this connection and how they have been decided and disposed of by Government?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—4. (*a*) (i) Government is aware that there is some inconvenience.

(ii) No.

(iii) Some petitions have been received by the High Court.

(iv) No. The jurisdiction over Devanhalli Taluk was transferred to the Chikballapur Munsiff's Court in 1907 since the Dodballapur Munsiff's Court was abolished.

(*b*) Yes. There are some inconveniences.

(*c*) There is no direct railway communication or bus service.

(*d*) Statement appended (*vide* Appendix).

(*e*) Some petitions have been received and they were referred to the High Court. It is not possible to state the exact number.

MESSRS. PATEL VEERE GOWDA and PATEL HANUME GOWDA (Dodballapur Taluk).—

Q.—*6.* Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) Whether it is not a fact that when in 1917-18, the price of ragi had risen to Rs. 130 per cart-load, Government were pleased to order that ragi should not be sold at a rate exceeding Rs. 100 per cart-load and that ragi stocked by the raiyats was commandeered and taken away by Government from the owners without their consent at Rs. 100 per cart-load ?

(*b*) When prices rose high, were not the Government pleased to sanction temporarily high prices allowance to the employees of all departments on account of dearness of provisions ?

(*c*) Whether it has come to their notice that during the last two years the prices of all food grains have fallen by 75 per cent ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—

A.—*6.* (*a*) From the information contained in the special weekly reports regarding the food situation received at the time, it does not appear that the price of ragi went up to the figure mentioned in the question.

(*b*) Yes, to some of the employees.

(*c*) There has been a fall in prices of food stuffs but not to the extent suggested.